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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Science & Technology)

SUBJECT: Requirements for High-Altitude Coverage of Cuba

1. In pursuance of your request, the following information is provided: On 11 September the United States Intelligence Board approved the COMOR recommendation for a revision of the statement of requirements for high-altitude photographic coverage of Cuba. Those recommendations were approved by the President on 23 September. The new approved statement of the requirements is as follows:

Our requirements for high-level reconnaissance to provide information bearing upon the problems we face in Cuba can be met under the following formula:

a. Coverage of the entire territory of Cuba every 14 days, insuring coverage of the highest priority targets (numbering about 30).

b. Areas and objectives which have not been adequately covered during the specified time period will be defined by COMOR and will take precedence in operational planning for the next time period.

c. Specific coverage of critical targets when photography or collateral warrant.

d. The coverage of the whole territory should be accomplished at such time as to maximize chances for achievement with the fewest number of missions.

2. The background for this new statement is set forth in a copy of the COMOR paper which was approved by the Board (USIB-D-41.14/66; COMOR-D-24/83) which is attached for your reference.

3. COMOR reports to the Board every two weeks on the status of the results of the reconnaissance. For your reference the last such report is attached (USIB-D-41.14/79; COMOR-D-24/93).

4. Also of interest perhaps will be the recent coverage with the 112A camera, there having now been up to this point three missions, all in response to the COMOR's requirements. We expect to conclude this week on whether any additional missions are necessary with the 112A camera.

5. Also of possible interest is the fact that we are now awaiting the results of reconnaissance with color photography. As you know, this takes more time for processing and therefore our readout and appraisal of the value of this will take some time, the amount being uncertain at this moment.

6. Finally, you will recall that we recommended low-level coverage on several occasions within recent months. This has not been done for reasons with which you are more familiar than I.

25X1 [redacted] The Director wished to hold this until we had seen the results of the 112A. In the memorandum given you this morning [redacted] October) I indicated COMOR's conclusion that these needs could not be met with the 112A although a more detailed study is under preparation by NPIC

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Attachments:

1. COMOR-D-24/83
2. COMOR-D-24/93